Anniversary of India's First War of Independence in the year 2007. The details will be worked out in due course.

Inclusion of Belur as World Heritage Site

4027. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ensure that Belur in Karnataka is included in the list as World Heritage Site; and

(b) whether any team/experts from UNESCO have visted Belur in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Historical monuments

4028. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many historical monuments are in very dilapidated conditions;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to renovate these monuments;

(c) whether Government are aware that many monuments are being misused by the anti-social elements; and

(d) if so, the preventive steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In respect of all nationally protected monuments, the Archaeological Survey of India is taking adequate conservation measures which include structural repairs and renovation.

(c) and (d) For proper security of such monuments, Archaeological Survey of India has deployed watch and ward staff. Their strength is supplemented by private security guards, State Police and Central Industrial Security Force at selected monuments. In addition, the protected areas of the important monuments are also fenced.